TONIGHT’S EVENT FORMAT

What We’ve Learned
Please check out the contextual **boards** positioned around the outside of the room. We know much planning has been done, and we have learned from these efforts.

What We’ve Heard from You
Grab a seat for a **brief presentation**. We will share with you our findings from many engagement efforts and discuss some responsive, early action items.

Let’s Build Together
Put on your planning cap and get creative. We will have rotating **breakout groups** relating to safety, public space, mobility, and the future street design of Mattapan Square.

Evaluate Us
Please take a minute to **fill out the event evaluation form**. Your feedback helps us serve you best going forward.
BLUE HILL AVE.

Transportation Action Plan

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PRESENTATION AGENDA

- Project Mission + Overview
- What We’ve Heard from You
- Early Action Items
- Related Ongoing Projects + Planning Efforts
PROJECT ORIENTATION

What is at this Project’s Core
ORIENTATION

Project Extent
Blue Hill Avenue: South of the intersection of Warren Street and Blue Hill Ave. at Grove Hall and north of Mattapan Square

Connecting Projects
BTD is currently leading projects along Warren Street and within Mattapan Square
PROJECT MISSION

The Blue Hill Ave. Transportation Action Plan seeks to improve quality of life for corridor users as well as improve the City’s current state of transportation-related equity by reimagining how everything, including and between the avenues sidewalks, functions.
With increased staff capacity, we can now give Blue Hill Ave. the attention and investment it deserves.
BUILDING ON RECENT WORK

Neponset River Trail
August 2015
Created green connector along much of the City’s waterfrontage

New BlueBikes Stations
As of September 2018
5 Bluebikes Stations along Blue Hill Avenue

Age Strong Benches
Summer 2019
Age Strong is placing benches in shaded spots along BHA

Mattapan Sq. Beautification
Summer 2016
Added greenery to medians and repaired sidewalks in the square

Blue Hill Rail Station
February 2019
Increased access to Downtown and locations along the Fairmount Corridor
Though the **Boston Transportation Department** is leading this Action Plan...

... we are working closely with many other City departments.

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WHAT WE’VE HEARD
You’ve Been Engaging and We’ve Been Listening
CALL FOR IDEAS SURVEY FINDINGS

**TRANSPORTATION**
- 56% reported feeling that cars travel too fast along BHA
- 54% want real-time bus arrival displays

**SAFETY**
- 43% reported being, or knowing someone, in a crash on BHA
- 75% want more trees and greenery along the corridor

**PUBLIC REALM**
- Double Parking is a major cause of chaos + congestion
- Morton Street: Most frequently listed unsafe intersection
- 71% locals
- Respondents who live in ZIP codes that BHA touches directly

**589 responses**
The corridor has some great paths, parks, and playgrounds, but the wayfinding directing you to those assets is lacking.

Long and straight, BHA could be a great candidate for a cohesive series of murals. The avenue could be both a major artery and a public art gallery.

Kids in particular want bike facilities. Streets don’t have to be all business and stress. They can also facilitate joy and provide healthy fun.

Parents report driving their kids to places that are a walk away, or accessible by transit, because they worry about the safety of their kids traveling on BHA.

Flashing crosswalk warning signs could be put in the median to increase driver awareness of pedestrians.

Lack of enforcement makes people feel free to double park and allows loading trucks to take entire travel lanes. This leads to car/bus weaving and other unsafe driving behavior.
**LIVABLESTREETS ALLIANCE ENGAGEMENT FINDINGS**

**PUBLIC REALM**

**Most frequently desired enhancements:**
1. Real-time Bus Arrival Info. Display
2. Better Street Lighting
3. More Street Art

“I want to see more of my neighborhood’s history along Blue Hill through art.”

**TRANSPORTATION**

8 Engagement Events 200 Community Voices

**Top challenges to traveling along Blue Hill Avenue:**
1. Overcrowded buses
2. Inconvenient weekend bus schedules
3. Unreliable bus service
4. Poor bus etiquette
5. Vehicle traffic/congestions
6. Poor road conditions

Strong desire for bike infrastructure, bus lanes, and for every bus stop along BHA to have a shelter.

All the rules and regulations mean nothing if they are not enforced.

“Nothing would improve my BHA experience more than a lower bus fare.”
EARLY ACTION ITEMS
City Agencies Turning Community Feedback into Action
RELATED TO: PUBLIC REALM

2019

- **New Benches**
  Introduced to Mattapan Square and along the corridor

2020

- **Tree Planting**
  Between Grove Hall and Franklin Park

- **Replace the Banners**
  Along the median in Mattapan Square

- **Sidewalk Mural**
  In front of the Mattapan Library

- **Replace Existing Trash Cans**
  Along the corridor with cans that have tops/lids

- **Expand the City’s PaintBox Program**
  Throughout the corridor

- **Use Murals**
  As wayfinding directing drivers to public parking lots
RELATED TO: SAFETY

- **Speed Feedback Sign Installation**
  Southbound on Blue Hill Ave. at Walk Hill

- **Upgrade the BHA American Legion Intersection**
  With new signal equipment, timing changes, and accessible ramps

- **Sidewalk and Ramp Improvements**
  At the intersections of Baird, Balsam, and Harvard

2019

- **Pedestrian Crossing Retiming at Intersections**
  Looking specifically at Seaver, Talbot, Morton, and Columbia

2020

- **Safety Signage Campaign**
  Throughout the corridor and neighboring communities
RELATED TO: MOBILITY

- **Speed Feedback Sign Installation**
  Southbound on Blue Hill Ave. at Walk Hill

**2019**

- **Curbside Regulation Changes**
  To minimize double parking and loading violations

**2020**

- **Street Repaving**
  From Dudley Street to Milton border

- **Activation of Transit Signal Priority**
  At every capable major intersection along Blue Hill Ave.

- **Bike Box**
  At the intersection of Warren Street and Blue Hill Ave.
OTHER PROJECTS

Large-scale Related Projects to Tune in to
RELATED PROJECTS + PLANNING EFFORTS

- **Planning and Development Agency**
  - **PLAN Mattapan**
    - Community-lead plan for Mattapan’s future growth
    - Next public meeting: mid-November

- **Public Works**
  - **Repaving of Blue Hill Ave.**
    - Both directions from Dudley St. through Mattapan Square
    - Starting in Spring of 2020

- **Parks and Recreation**
  - **Franklin Park Masterplan**
    - Crafting a vision for the upcoming $28 million investment
    - Planning process currently in kick-off phase

- **Transportation**
  - **Traffic Signal Upgrades**
    - Several intersection retimings and reconstructions
    - Currently in construction: see board in the back for details
BREAKOUT GROUPS
Let's Build Together
GROUPS + ACTIVITIES

We will rotate groups every 20 minutes.

There is enough time for 3 sessions, so pick the 3 groups that you are most interested in.

- **Public Space**
  Mural and Banner Design Lab

- **Motorized Mobility**
  Build an Enforcement Strategy that works for BHA

- **Road Safety**
  Craft a new Safety + Awareness Campaign

- **Mattapan Square Design Alternatives**
  Comment on the 3 Design Alternatives for the Square

- **MassDOT/MBTA New Service Proposals**
  Propose new MBTA service that better meets your needs